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**COUNTY BOROUGH OF GREAT YARMOUTH**

**REPORT OF THE PORT MEDICAL OFFICER**

**1963**



# The Report of the Port Medical Officer

## PORT OF GREAT YARMOUTH

### INTRODUCTION.

This report is again compiled in accordance with the revised form and sequence suggested by the Ministry of Health in circular 33/52. Information under sections I, V, VIII, XIV, XV and XVI has not been repeated as there has been no change from the previous report.

### Section I — STAFF

TABLE A.

No change.

### Section II — AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR

The following table relates to the year ended 24th March 1963 as figures for ships and tonnage for the calendar year are not available from the Port and Haven Commissioners.

TABLE B.

Ships from	Number	Number inspected		Number of ships reported as having, or having had during the voyage, infectious disease on board
		By the M.O.H.	By the Inspectors	
Foriegn Ports		2	176	—
Coastwise		—	56	—
Total		2	232	—

### Section III — CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEAR

#### PASSENGER TRAFFIC.

There was no passenger traffic during the year.

#### CARGO TRAFFIC.

The following table is compiled from information supplied by the Port and Haven Commissioners for the year ended 24th March 1963, and relates to cargo handled at the port whether as imports or exports as separate figures are not available.

	Tons
Cattle, Ponies, etc. (Head)	3,262
Coal	188,639
Fruit and Vegetables	41,646
Groceries	7,901
Grain and Seeds (Qtrs.)	374,220
Manures	45,383
Meal, etc.	11,157
Metals, Scrap Iron, etc.	84,068
Miscellaneous Goods	12,002
Paper, Strawboards, Woodpulp, etc.	37,741
Petrol, Paraffin, Fuel Oil, etc.	520,018
Salt	8,598
Stone, Broken Granite, etc	1,951
Wood (Loads)	59,055
Herrings (cured)	844
Herrings (uncured) (Crans)	21,172

#### PRINCIPAL PORTS FROM WHICH SHIPS ARRIVE.

Belgium—Antwerp.

Denmark—Fredricksund, Copenhagen.

East Germany—Rostock, Wismar, Stralsund.

West Germany—Hamburg, Bremen.

Finland—Kotka, Abo, Kemi.

Holland—Rotterdam.

Norway—Christiansund, Oslo, Trondheim.

Sweden—Kalmar, Gothenburg, Larvik.

Poland—Stettin.

### **Section IV — INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC**

There was no inland barge traffic during the year.

### **Section V — WATER SUPPLY**

No change.

### **Section VI — PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS, 1952 - 1961**

#### **1. LIST OF INFECTED AREAS.**

Information regarding ports in Europe and on the Mediterranean coast is extracted from the World Health Organisation's weekly list, and a copy of this information is forwarded by post to the Waterguard Office of the local Custom House.

## 2. RADIO MESSAGES.

(a) Arrangements for sending permission by radio for ships to enter the district—Although Great Yarmouth is not a radio transmitting port, radio messages can be sent to ships through the Humber or North Foreland transmitting stations.

(b) Arrangements for receiving messages by radio from ships and for acting thereon—Arrangements for the receipt of radio messages are the same as for those for transmission. The telegraphic address is Portelth, Great Yarmouth.

## 3. NOTIFICATIONS OTHERWISE THAN BY RADIO.

Messages are received by telephone from H.M. Inspector of Customs and Excise.

## 4. MOORING STATIONS.

(a) Within the docks—A berth will be made available, its situation being subject to conditions prevailing in the harbour at the time.

(b) Outside the docks—Yarmouth Roads anchorage.

## 5. ARRANGEMENTS FOR :—

(a) Hospital accommodation for infectious diseases (other than Smallpox—see Section VII).—Accommodation for infectious diseases other than smallpox is available at the Estcourt Hospital, Great Yarmouth.

(b) Surveillance and follow-up of contacts—The surveillance and follow-up of contacts would be undertaken by the Port Health Inspector under the direction of the Port Medical Officer.

(c) Cleansing and disinfection of ships, persons, clothing and other articles.—In case of infectious disease, disinfection is carried out by the staff of the local authority. Persons are cleansed and clothing and other articles are disinfected as required under arrangements made by the local authority at the Northgate Hospital.

## **Section VII — SMALLPOX**

(1) Under arrangements made by the Regional Hospital Board, smallpox cases would be admitted to Ipswich Smallpox Hospital.

(2) It has been agreed that Ipswich Ambulance Service would undertake responsibility for all arrangements for transport of smallpox cases to hospital. Applications for transport would be sent to the Resident Medical Officer, St. Helen's Hospital, Ipswich (Telephone number Ipswich 77211). The Ipswich Authority is responsible for the vaccinal state of the ambulance crews.



(3) Smallpox consultants available :—

Dr. W. A. Oliver, Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, Norwich.

Dr. A. G. Smith, 24 Unthank Road, Norwich.

(4) Specimens for laboratory examination would be sent to the Virus Reference Laboratory, Central Public Health Laboratory, Colindale Avenue, The Hyde, London, N.W.9.

### **Section VIII — VENEREAL DISEASE**

No change.

### **Section IX — CASES OF NOTIFIABLE AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN SHIPS**

TABLE D. — Nil.

### **Section X — OBSERVATIONS ON THE OCCURRENCE OF MALARIA IN SHIPS**

No cases of malaria occurred in ships entering the port.

### **Section XI — MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SHIPS INFECTED WITH OR SUSPECTED FOR PLAGUE**

No ships infected with or suspected for plague arrived at the port.

### **Section XII — MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS**

(1) Ships arriving from foreign ports are examined by the Inspector in the first instance, and if any evidence is found the Rodent Officer is called in to make a more extensive search.

(2) When required, bacteriological and pathological examinations of rodents are carried out on behalf of the authority by the Public Health Laboratory, Norwich. No rodents were sent for examination during the year.

(3) Great Yarmouth is not an “approved port” for “deratting” but when any action is required trapping and poisoning is carried out by the staff of the local authority.

(4) Efforts are made to secure the efficient rat-proofing of ships, and particular attention is paid to foodstores, storerooms, etc.

TABLE E.

Rodents destroyed during the year :—

Category	Number			Total
	In ships from for- eign ports	In coastwise ships and fish- ing vessels	In docks, quays, wharfs and warehouses	
Black rats	—	—	—	—
Brown rats	—	3	147	150
Species not known	—	—	—	—
Sent for examination	—	—	—	—
Infected with plague	—	—	—	—

TABLE F.

Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates issued during the year for ships from foreign ports :—

Great Yarmouth is not an approved port

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS (APPLICATION TO SHIPPING) ORDER, 1951.

Six rodent control certificates were issued in accordance with Article 3(2)(b) of the Order.

The object of the issue of these certificates is to provide port authorities with the information that coastwise vessels are free or have recently been freed from rats and mice. They are valid for four months from the date of issue.

### Section XIII — INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES

TABLE G.

Inspections and Notices :—

Nature and number of inspections		Notices served		Result of serving notices
		Statutory notices	*Other notices	
British ships	50	—	2	2 complied with
Foreign ships	182	—	6	6 complied with
British fishing vessels	—	—	—	—
Total	232	—	8	8 complied with

\* Including oral notices

**Section XIV — PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELL-FISH) REGULATIONS,  
1934 AND 1948.**

No change.

**Section XV — MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS**

No change.

**Section XVI — MISCELLANEOUS**

No change.

**FOOD INSPECTION  
PUBLIC HEALTH (IMPORTED FOOD) REGULATIONS, 1937-1948**

During the year imported food regularly arrived from Holland. This comprised canned luncheon meats, canned ham, biscuits, lard, cheese, chocolate, canned fruits and onions. Throughout the year, fresh vegetables regularly arrived and these were found to be of high quality.

Inspection and sampling of imported food were carried out over the year. The samples were submitted to Dr. E. C. Wood, the Public Analyst.

Number of inspections of consignments of imported food: 165.

The following table shows the number of samples obtained and submitted to Dr. Wood for examination, with results of analysis :—

	No. submitted	Result
Biscuits	2	Genuine
Chicken fillets in Jelly	1	Genuine
Canned Ox Tongue	1	Genuine
Baked Cereal	1	Genuine
Milk Chocolate	1	Genuine
Blue Peas	1	Genuine
Lard	1	Genuine

During the year, as part of a survey started by the Sampling Officers in this area, samples were taken at the port of fruit and vegetables to test for pesticide residues.

The results of these samples are as follows :—

	No. submitted	Result
Lettuces	2	Genuine, free from pesticide residues
Cucumbers	3	Genuine, free from pesticide residues
Tomatoes	3	Genuine, free from pesticide residues
Oranges	1	Genuine, free from pesticide residues
Carrots	1	Genuine, free from pesticide residues
Plums	2	Genuine, free from pesticide residues
Pears	1	Genuine, free from pesticide residues
Peaches	1	Genuine, free from pesticide residues